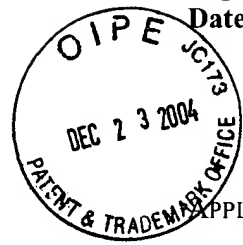


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RESPONSE TO JUNE 23, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004 ("Office Action"). A petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee are filed herewith. With the extension, the due date for response is December 23, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-517.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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